

GREGORY CRITICISES N. Y. SLACKER RAID

Attorney-General Finds Local
Officers Exceeded Their
Authority.

REPORTS TO PRESIDENT

No Dismissals Will Follow,
but Disciplinary Action
May Be Taken.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Local officers of the Department of Justice who conducted the slacker raids in New York city clearly exceeded their authority in the conduct of the roundup, and violated often repeated instructions of the Department, according to an official report on the raids made by Attorney-General Gregory to the President.

Responsibility for this excess of authority and violation of instructions is not personally placed in the report. Charles F. De Woody, head of the New York office of the Bureau of Investigation, is, however, responsible to the Department, as he was in charge. It was learned on good authority that no dismissals as a result of the conduct of the New York raids will follow, but some disciplinary action in addition to the making public of the Attorney-General's report may be taken.

The report sets forth that the employment of soldiers and sailors in making arrests was not only unlawful, but ill judged, as such men are not fitted by training or experience to exercise the proper discretion.

Instructions Not Observed.

On this point the report of the Attorney-General says: "Where arrests were necessary it was never contemplated that they should be made by any but police officials of the United States or of the States and municipalities where the arrests were being conducted. The making of arrests in such cases by the military or by the members of any private organization would have been contrary to law and contrary to the express directions of the Attorney-General, except in the case of deserters, where, of course, the military authorities had the power to make arrests."

"It was expected, however, that where the number detained was large this department in making the necessary investigations would have the aid of the American Protective League, a private organization of certain standing, which had long been participating in the enforcement of the selective service law by express invitation of the Provost Marshal General, and that in guarding the persons taken into custody it would have the aid of units of the military and naval forces."

"Contrary to my express instructions, instructions which I have repeated over and over again, and contrary to law, certain members of the investigating force of this department without consultation with me or with any law officer of the department, used soldiers and sailors and certain members of the American Protective League, I am satisfied, in making arrests, and in the inquiries which I have made that they were led into this breach of authority by excess of zeal for the public good. While this extension, it does not excuse their action."

Poor Judgment Shown.

"Besides being unlawful, the employment of members of the military service and of private organizations in making arrests was ill judged, as such men are not generally fitted by training, or experience to exercise the discretion required in the circumstances."

Mr. Gregory accepts full responsibility for the raids and declares that they were justified and necessary and they would be continued unless otherwise directed by the President. He says that some persons who should not have been detained were detained, and that a number suffered inconvenience but that the whole were prepared to suffer such inconvenience to aid in the round up of slackers and deserters.

Figures in the report on the number of detainees are apparently far below those published at the time of the raids. Mr. Gregory gives the total of those ap-

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prebanded and detained during the three day canvass in Manhattan and the Bronx as 11,652. Of these about 300 were inducted into the military service and at least 1,500 turned over to their local boards as delinquents. In Brooklyn 9,750 were detained, of whom 282 were held by order of court and at least 1,000 turned over to their local boards as delinquents.

The Attorney-General declared that the canvass in northern New Jersey was carried out in accordance with the instructions and known policy of the Department. There were apprehensions in the five cities of northern New Jersey—Newark, Jersey City, Hoboken, Paterson and Passaic—a total of 28,875 persons. Out of the 19 men have been ordered inducted into the army, and in addition 12,515 were delinquents whose draft records of classification were corrected by the local boards.

BRIDGEPORT UNION

DEFIES WORK ORDER

5,000 Munition Workers Disobey International Body.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 11.—Five thousand striking union machinists from Bridgeport munition plants, at a meeting late today listened to the reading of a message from William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists, calling on the men to return to work within forty-eight hours, under pain of suspension, and then voted unanimously to continue the strike.

The assembled strikers adopted a resolution outlining their position. The strike committee sent a telegram to Mr. Johnston telling him of the vote of the machinists and including the text of the resolution, which said in part: "We, the machinists on strike, knowing as we do that we are out for a just cause, will continue on strike until we hear from President Wilson as to the justice of our contention in remaining on strike until the manufacturers grant our demands."

"You, above all, Mr. Johnston, should realize by this time that the Bridgeport machinists know how imperatively necessary it is to present a united front to the manufacturers, who hope to destroy not only the machinists' union but every organized labor body in Bridgeport."

Although Samuel Lavit, business agent of the local machinists' union, had said a strike call would be sent to workers in six other cities if a satisfactory settlement was not made by 2 o'clock P. M. today, he was not in the Labor Union headquarters here, where the strikers were assembled, however, that they were assured of support in other cities.

The strike committee announced tonight that 1,400 machinists have left the city since the strike began, securing work in airplane plants on Long Island and in munition factories in New York, Philadelphia, Hartford, New Haven and other cities.

Mr. Johnston telegraphed from Washington to the head of the Bridgeport union that while the War Labor Board umpire's decision in their case was unsatisfactory, the integrity and honor of the association was at stake, and that for patriotic reasons, if for no other, the men should go back to work and make an appeal if they failed to work out a solution of their problems.

W. L. WARD CLINGS TO HIS LEADERSHIP

Westchester Boss Jockeys Coffee Out of the Coveted Prize.

WHITMAN IS "DRY" HOPE

Prohibition Head Promises to Turn Cold Water Vote Over to Governor.

William L. Ward of Westchester is not dead politically yet, although Gov. Whitman carried the primaries in that county by a handsome majority over his opposition.

"If you want to put me out of politics you will have to fight me out," declared the veteran leader after his reelection as chairman of the Westchester County Republican Committee at the reorganization meeting held in White Plains yesterday.

William S. Coffey, secretary of the Industrial Commission, who led the fight in the county for Gov. Whitman, had some friends who thought they could place him on Mr. Ward's throne. Alderman John S. Davis of Yonkers went to the meeting with his pocket bulging with eighteen proxies for Mr. Coffey. Other batches were concealed by members of the committee from New Rochelle and elsewhere. But Mr. Ward was too old a hand at the game to be caught napping. He put through a rule that no man could vote more than one proxy. Right there Mr. Coffey's boom went out of the window.

Harry R. Barrett of White Plains, a Ward man, was chosen secretary to succeed John J. Brown of the same city. William Archer of Mount Vernon was selected for treasurer, succeeding Mark D. Stiles.

Now that Gov. Whitman has been officially declared to be the nominee of the Prohibition party for Governor by a majority of 243, he was informed yesterday that it placed upon him the duty of carrying the Federal prohibition amendment "over the top" in the Legislature this winter.

To do less than your utmost toward this end," said Otto E. Bishop, the regular delegate of the party in a letter of congratulation to the Governor, "would be to betray the confidence of a hundred thousands of the people who are looking to you to bring about the prohibition next January."

Having confidence that the Governor will accept this as a sacred trust, Mr. Bishop says he will do all in his power to poll the largest vote for the Governor. William Archer of Mount Vernon was selected for treasurer, succeeding Mark D. Stiles.

CLEMENT AHEAD IN VERMONT.

Unofficial Returns Give Him Only 530 Lead Over Darling.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Sept. 11.—Charles H. Darling, one of the candidates in the Republican State primary for the gubernatorial nomination, was greatly interested in delayed returns from isolated towns as received at his office here today. Darling was a close second to P. W. Clement of Rutland on the face of the unofficial returns.

With one town (Barnard) missing Clement's plurality appeared from unofficial returns to be 530, the total being Clement 11,871, Darling 11,341, Frank E. Howe, Bennington, 5,334.

Gov. Gunter Loses in Colorado.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 11.—On the face of incomplete but widely scattered returns from yesterday's primary, Thomas Tynan, warden of the State penitentiary at Canon City, today has a substantial lead over Gov. Julius C. Gunter for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination.

On the Republican ticket Oliver Shoup of Colorado Springs apparently has been nominated for Governor, and Lawrence Phillips has won the Republican nomination for United States Senator.

PRESIDENT RESENTS CHARGE LAID TO HAYS

Republican Chairman Asked to Explain Statement.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—President Wilson does not intend to let his political adversaries charge him with allowing political considerations to affect his conduct of the war. This was indicated clearly today when official notice was taken at the White House of a statement appearing in the Topeka Capital Journal.

The statement, which appeared in the Topeka Capital Journal, charged that the President had been having much a charge at the recent meeting of Republican State chairmen in Chicago.

A telegram was sent to Chairman Hays at Indianapolis this afternoon by Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, at the prompting, it is understood, of the President himself, asking Mr. Hays if it is true, as published, that on Labor Day in Chicago he said to a gathering of thirty-one Republican State chairmen:

"The Democratic leaders at Washington would not stop at anything that they believed would insure the reelection of a Democratic Congress this fall. They would even end the war with any kind of a compromise if that would insure the continuance of the Democratic party in power."

It happened that Mr. Hays, instead of being in Indianapolis, was here in Washington only a stone's throw from the White House. Consequently the telegram did not reach him. Mr. Hays will reply by asserting that he never made such a statement.

With this denial the only importance to be attached to the incident lies in the evidence it affords that the President does not intend to allow any such charge to go unchallenged.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 11.—Harvey H. Motter, State chairman of the Republican party, said today that he gave to the Kansas press the statement accredited to National Chairman Hays, on his return to Topeka from a meeting of State chairmen with Hays in Chicago.

"The statement quoted in Secretary Tumulty's letter is just about what Chairman Hays said, with this exception," said Chairman Motter. "Hays said there is a socialistic spirit of men in Washington, who would do the things referred to by Mr. Tumulty. The impression I got was that Mr. Hays meant certain influences in Washington and not necessarily the Administration or the Democratic party as a whole."

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HARRIS WINS IN GEORGIA.

President's Candidate Nominated for Senate Over Hardwick.

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ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 11.—William J. Harris, endorsed by President Wilson, was nominated today in the statewide primary for the seat in the United States Senate now held by Thomas W. Hardwick. Returns received up to 10 o'clock tonight indicate that Harris has carried more than 100 of the 153 counties by small but sure pluralities. Senator Hardwick was a candidate to succeed himself.

The so-called loyalty issue was injected into the campaign from the beginning, as Senator Hardwick had vigorously opposed conscription and several other war measures proposed by the Administration.

The only Congressional race of interest was in the First district, where Thomas E. Watson, whose paper was suppressed for alleged seditious views, opposed Carl Vinson, the incumbent. Early returns indicate a close race, but seem to assure the defeat of Watson.

Close Contest in Louisiana.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 11.—Practically complete returns tonight from yesterday's Democratic primary made certain that Edward J. Gay of Plaquemine and former Gov. Luther E. Hall of New Orleans will have to settle the contest for the unexpired term of the late United States Senator Robert F. Broussard in a second primary. The returns show Gay 33,000, Hall 24,000.

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